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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General A. J. Goodpaster
The White House

SUBJECT: Request for Letter Written by General de Gaulle
to President Eisenhower.

You will recall that in my memorandum of 18 September 1957, I informed you that General de Gaulle is presently engaged in preparing the third volume of his memoirs.

At that time General de Gaulle was interested in obtaining from the President a copy of a letter the President had written to the General on 13 September 1944. You were good enough to locate a copy of the President's letter, obtain his approval to its release, and forward it to me for delivery to the General. The General was most appreciative and has now asked us to endeavor to obtain a copy of a letter he, himself, wrote to the President on 6 September 1944, to which the President's letter of 13 September 1944, referred to above, was in reply. The General has explained that he has unfortunately lost a portion of his wartime records and that this letter is among those items missing.

Again, if the President can see his way clear to making this letter available to General de Gaulle, I know it will be useful to the maintenance of our good relationships with him. As before, we would plan to have [redacted] a representative of this Agency, present the letter to the General on the President's behalf.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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WASHINGTON


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October 2, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

The attached copy of a letter to General de Gaulle from General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander in Europe has been declassified and made available for transmission to General de Gaulle. As you will note, it bears the date of 13 September 1944. Since it is on the subject of operations, however, and the file contains no other letter at approximately that date on this subject, it is assumed that this is the letter General de Gaulle had in mind.


A. J. Goodpaster
Brigadier General, USA

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15 September, 1944

My dear General:

I was glad to receive your letter of September 8th.

I am sorry that the rate of disembarkation of Army 'B' is slower than you had hoped, but would remind you that this is merely a shipping problem which must conform to a regular landing program. Personally, I have been very satisfied with the build-up in Southern France.

As regards the employment of Army 'B', you will appreciate that my only concern is the defeat of the German armies. In furtherance of this object, I intend to use my three Groups of Armies to advance deep into Germany and inflict on the enemy a final defeat.

My intention has been that the Southern Group of Armies, of which Army 'B' forms such an essential and valuable component, should form part of this invading force and continue its advance into Germany on the southern flank. Your welcome letter re-assured me that this use of your forces is in accordance with the wishes of your government and yourself. May they soon liberate Alsace and set foot on German soil!

I should be grateful if General Juin would inform my Staff without delay as to the number of French Divisions which he will require to retain in France. You will realize that this will have a direct bearing on the operations which are now being planned. I very much hope that all but a very few will be available to go forward into Germany.

I am also glad to welcome General Koeltz, as an old comrade-in-arms, as the head of the French Mission at this headquarters. I understood that this mission is to be exclusively an operational matter, and I would prefer to call it the French Section of this Headquarters and to consider General Koeltz and his officers as an actual part of the staff. I feel that this is best in order to prevent misunderstanding and duplication of effort, and that

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The normal channel of communication between our respective
staffs will be through the Supreme Headquarters Mission now
set up in Paris.

Sincerely,

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General Charles de Gaulle,
President of the Provisional Government
of the French Republic.